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## **New FFFA Feature, Ask an Instructor/Ask an Airline Pilot**

Have you ever been sitting around thinking about something in aviation that doesn't make any sense, or you basically understand it but there is a small part that escapes you? Yes, there are online resources where you can ask such questions, but if you use them you have to go back to the website and logon to look to see if there is a response. If you get one it will be from some stranger you never heard of, and it will be difficult to have an ongoing dialog until your curiosity is fully satisfied.

Thanks to FFFA member Adam Springmeyer you no longer have to go through impersonal web searches. Right before Christmas Adam sent me a message asking me to establish this new feature where he would answer instructor and airline pilot questions. It's simple. You send Adam a question via e-mail and he sends you an answer. If his answer prompts a follow-up question you just hit REPLY and ask it. No messing with websites and looking for answers. Have a question? E-mail Adam at [adam.springmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:adam.springmeyer@gmail.com) and ask it.

It is our intention to publish the most interesting questions and answers here in the *Freeman Flash*. We won't acknowledge who submitted the question unless you allow us to, and if you would rather not have your question mentioned at all, we won't.

### **Airport News**

During the airport authority meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> they selected now officers for 2016. Brian Thompson was elected President, Lloyd Hudson moved over to VP, and Doc Blaisdell remains as Secretary.

The CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) was discussed at some length. It was decided to put the reconstruction of the northwest apron ahead of the reconstruction of runway 14/32. With the change made, the CIP now looks like this:

- 2016 - Taxiway Alpha rebuild completed
- 2017 - Reconstruct taxiway Charlie
- 2018 - Reconstruct the NW apron
- 2019 - Reconstruct part of runway 14/32
- 2020 - Reconstruct the rest of 14/32
- 2021 - New runway lights runway 14/32

Note that each of these projects has at least 3 phases; environmental, design, and finally construction. I have mentioned only the year of construction, when we will have temporary closures, but also enjoy the end results.

Where does the money come from? The FAA, through the Airport and Airways Trust Fund (funded by federal aviation fuel tax) pays for 90% of the cost of these projects. State and local government typically splits

the remainder at 5% each. However, the state is doing only 4% this year so our airport authority has to pay 6%. For a roughly \$1,000,000 project like the reconstruction of taxiway Charlie the FAA will pay \$900,000; the state \$40,000 and the airport authority pays \$60,000.

Your editor brought up the closed runway connector from the NW apron out to runway 14/32. The center connector has been closed for some 10 years now. Cory Harper told the authority members that the only place reconstructing that connector made any sense was in conjunction with the 14/32 runway reconstruction. The authority instructed Cory to work on including it in the 14/32 reconstruction.

In other business, the authority extended the Cherry Hill Aviation lease on the white hangar for 5 years, with 3 additional options to renew. That gives Cherry Hill the comfort of property stability for a total of 20 years.

### Treasurer's Report

For the period: December, 2015

Opening bal, all funds		10,340.98
Opening bal, chkg acct		3,325.64
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	180.00	
Dinner payments	330.00	
Other		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>510.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Electric bill	16.97	
Sewer bill	9.14	
Water bill	14.87	
Christmas dinner	338.10	
Rumpke, porta-potty svc	27.28	
Other	1.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>407.36</b>
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
<b>Closing bal, chkg acct</b>		<b>3,428.28</b>
<b>Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal</b>		<b>7,015.34</b>
Checks written		
X-fer in from chckng		
Interest earned		
<b>End bal, MMF</b>		<b>7,015.34</b>
<b>Net change, all accounts</b>		<b>102.64</b>
<b>Grand total, all funds</b>		<b>10,443.62</b>

### 2016 FFA Dues

Dues collection is coming along. We sent dues invoices to about 40 members. (The other half of our membership is already paid ahead.) Of those 40, about a dozen have sent in their dues, and about half of those have paid for more than one year. If you received an invoice (via e-mail), please pay your 2016 dues. Thanks.

### Interesting Aviation Links

Nobody sent any new ones this month.

### Next Steps for 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Reform

From AOPA ePilot News, 1/16/2016

*With Congress back in session, the question on the minds of many pilots is, "What's next for third class medical reform?" The answer, not surprisingly, is "that depends."*

*With passage of the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 by the full Senate at the end of 2015, the legislation moves on to the House for its consideration. But with other big aviation issues on the table, the standalone legislation could take a backseat to a more comprehensive FAA reauthorization bill.*

*The current extension to the FAA's funding expires March 31, leaving little time for both the House and Senate to pass and reconcile legislation and send it to the president. A more likely scenario is another extension to keep the FAA in business while lawmakers continue to work on a more comprehensive agreement that could include third class medical reform.*

*House lawmakers have been working on a reauthorization proposal and have indicated that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is likely to mark up the bill sometime in February, after which it would go to the full House.*

*"We know how important this is to our members," said Jim Coon, AOPA senior vice president of government affairs. "And getting third class medical reform to the president's desk as quickly as possible is our top priority."*

### Member News and Accomplishments

**Larry Bothe** was awarded the status of Master Certified Flight Instructor Emeritus

by his professional organization, Master Instructors LLC.

## Museum Archives

*Note: The Freeman Army Air Field Museum is a completely separate entity from the Freeman Field Flying Association, but some of our board members (Larry Bothe, Berl Grant) overlap.*

The museum is working very hard to get more people to come visit. We are creating our own, independent website. FFFA member Shawn Mahoney has stepped up to help the museum get a website going. The sign in front of our main building is in bad shape, and we have no sign at the annex. We're working on getting new signs for both buildings.

In order to get more people to come to the museum we need to be open more hours. For many, many years we have been open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to noon. That just isn't good enough. We are considering expanding our hours to Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 to 2:00. In order to do that we need additional volunteers to act as docents in the museum. If you are interested in our museum and could volunteer 2 or more days a month please call Larry Bothe at 812-521-7400.

### Ask an Instructor/Airline Pilot

Do you have a question about some phase of aviation? It could be about pilot certification, logging flight time, FAR's, how airlines do things, instrument flight, or anything else. Send a message to Adam Springmeyer at [adam.springmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:adam.springmeyer@gmail.com) and receive a personal reply directly in your e-mail.

**Join FFFA:** Dues are \$10 per year. Send a check, payable to FFFA, to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Include e-mail address and phone number. 1/2 price after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Freeman Flash** issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor. A website archive is planned.

## Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Feb 2, FFFA meeting, Program: Engine Failure  
April 5-10, Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL  
July 25-31, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

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**Freeman Field Flying Association** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00, FFFA Bldg  
**Airport Authority** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.  
**Museum Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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## Sell - Buy

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